

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D. C. 20505



MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Biographic Intelligence

1. I am concerned about the growing imbalance in our shared responsibility for foreign biographic intelligence. DCID 2/6 (formerly DCID 1/9) divides the responsibility for the production of biographic intelligence into military (DIA) and all other (CIA). CIA's Office of Central Reference (OCR) is handling a growing number of requests for biographies on military personalities by default; the service is not always available from DIA. OCR is providing foreign military biographic service to other agencies, and sometimes to Department of Defense personnel [redacted]

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3. This issue is not a new one and has been explored several times with DIA. In 1972-1973 and during 1974-1976, there were extensive reviews by DIA and CIA of proposed merger plans, and twice in 1980, one of my predecessors again raised the issue with the then Director of DIA. None of these discussions moved us closer to further centralization or resolved the problem of the continued demand for OCR-produced military biographies.

4. I believe that there are compelling arguments to address this issue again as we each face tighter resource constraints. OCR cannot continue to absorb indefinitely responsibility for military biographics. If you agree that this question should be re-examined, please have someone on your staff contact [redacted] Chief, Information Services Group, OCR. [redacted] can be reached on [redacted]

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